

SCS SB 968 -- TUITION RATES FOR MILITARY MEMBERS

This bill modifies several provisions relating to college tuition rates for members of the military.

The bill allows current members of the Missouri National Guard and members of a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States to receive in-state residency status for the purposes of tuition at any public four-year institution of higher education, or in-district residency status for any two-year public institution, as described in the bill.

The bill also modifies the Missouri Returning Heroes' Education Act. Currently, the tuition limitation authorized by the Missouri Returning Heroes' Education Act is applied after all other federal and state aid for which the veteran is eligible has been applied. This bill applies the tuition limitation before all other aid.

This bill also repeals a provision that limits the amount of aid a veteran shall receive to the actual cost of attendance.

The Wartime Veteran's Survivor Grant program sunsets in 2014. The bill reauthorizes the program, which provides higher education financial aid to the spouses and children of wartime veterans. This provision shall sunset on August 28, 2020, unless reauthorized by the General Assembly.

This bill contains an emergency clause.